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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 4 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m.- 12.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.- 5 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Monday, 6 October 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Briefing by Mr. Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs

Central African Republic (S/1997/759)

Sierra Leone

Briefing by Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs

Iraq (S/1997/740)

Other matters

The provisional list of speakers (No. 7) for the general debate of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch (room S-3670).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 25th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus.
2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   San Marino

   Azerbaijan

   Barbados

   Djibouti

   Mongolia

   Gambia

3 p.m. 26th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Guinea-Bissau

Bhutan

Suriname

Botswana

Grenada

Consultations of the President of the General Assembly on the organization of work of the fifty-second session of the Assembly

The President of the General Assembly has held consultations on the organization of work of the fifty-second session of the Assembly, in particular on agenda item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals), with the Chairmen of regional groups on Thursday, 2 October, and with the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly on Friday, 3 October.

The President will also hold a meeting with the Chairmen of the Main Committees on Monday, 6 October, at 9:15 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Agenda items 18, 90, 91, 92 and 12 and 93

   General debate on all decolonization items: item 18 (A/52/23 (Parts II, V-VI), A/AC.109/2071-2072, 2074-2078, 2080-2082, 2084, 2086-2088, 2090); item 90 (A/52/23 (Part IV)*, chapter VIII, A/52/365); item 91 (A/52/23 (Part III)*; item 92 (A/52/3* (chapter V, section E), A/52/23 (Part IV)*, chapter VII, A/52/185, A/AC.109/L.1866, E/1987/81 and Add.1); item 93 (A/52/388)

2. Requests for hearing (A/C.4/52/2 and Add.1-5, A/C.4/52/4)

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 3

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Third party liability; Reform of procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States regarding contingent-owned equipment; Detailed proposals on the implementation of death and disability benefits (A/51/903, A/51/967, A/52/369 and A/52/410)

Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on agenda item 142 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations; United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi, and the proposals on the management of peacekeeping assets (A/50/907, A/50/905, A/51/985, A/51/803, A/51/957, A/52/380 and A/52/407))

* Following the adjournment of the 6th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Organization of work

2. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirtieth session [148] (A/52/17)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL)

2. Executive session on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA)/financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 6 October 1997

ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 27 OF THE GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH COMMITTEES

(on renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77

(on Fifth Committee matters)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 October 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 6 October will take place at 3.30 p.m in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 7 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. **27th PLENARY MEETING** General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Uzbekistan

Central African Republic

Seychelles

Equatorial Guinea

Kyrgyzstan

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Rialuth Serge Vohor, Prime Minister of the Republic of Vanuatu

3 p.m. **28th PLENARY MEETING** General Assembly Hall

Conclusion of the general debate [9]:

Bahamas

Papua New Guinea

Mauritania

Eritrea

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Saudi Arabia

Kenya

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 7th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold an informal meeting to consider its programme of work for the current session. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, 7 October 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The draft programme of work is available at the secretariat of the First Committee (room S-3170C).

The First Committee will hold its 2nd meeting to consider the organization of work. The meeting will take place on Thursday, 9 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

The First Committee will begin the general debate on its agenda items on Monday, 13 October 1997. Delegations are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers, as soon as possible, with the secretariat (tel.: 963-5584).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

As recommended in General Assembly resolution 50/227, the Second Committee will hold informal consultations on all organizational matters on Thursday, 9 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, are open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

The following advance unedited documents under agenda item 95 (Macroeconomic policy questions: (a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries; and (d) External debt crisis and development) are available outside of room DC2-2126: Report of the Secretary-General on global financial integration: an update; and Report of the Secretary-General on sources for the financing of development.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with the programme contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935 or 963-1712).

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

The Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights will take place at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 7 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, in order to hold elections to fill a vacancy in the Human Rights Committee. Credentials should be submitted to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The first part of the resumed substantive session of 1997 of the Economic and Social Council will be convened on Wednesday, 8 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The second part will be convened in December 1997. The provisional agenda for the resumed substantive session is contained in document E/1997/109. The items will be taken up as follows:

8 October 1997:

1. Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Environmental questions: sustainable development: Arrangements for elections to the Bureau of the Committee on Sustainable Development; Future meetings of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [7(b)]

2. Postponed elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (E/1997/L.60, E/1997/L.19, E/1997/L.22 and E/1997/L.1/Add.3)

December 1997:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters: Selection of the themes for the high-level and coordination segments for the 1998 substantive session of the Council (E/1997/91, E/1997/92 and Add.1) [1]

2. Coordination, programme and other questions: Proclamation of international years [6 (i)] (E/1997/L.32)

3. Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Human rights questions [7 (d)] E/1997/L.23 and Add.2 and E/1997/L.44)

4. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227 [12] (A/52/155-E/1997/68 and Add.1, E/1996/97 and Add.1).

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In accordance with the decision taken at its resumed organizational session on 5 September 1997, the Committee for Programme and Coordination will hold its resumed thirty-seventh session at United Nations Headquarters for up to 5 days beginning Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/AC.51/ 1997/Add.1.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 14 October 1997 at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-second session of the Commission (2-13 March 1998). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and armed conflict; (2) human rights of women; (3) the girl child; and (4) violence against women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC 2-1216), *no later than* Friday, 31 October 1997.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold informal consultations on the reports of the Executive Board field visits to Jamaica, Turks and Caicos Islands and Cuba (DP/1997/CRP.24) and to Kyrgyzstan and Latvia (DP/1997/CRP.26) on Thursday, 9 October 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a Workshop on the art of public speaking and managing meetings (chairing and participating) for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held from Wednesday, 15 to Friday, 17 October 1997.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent representatives on 24 September 1997. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 3 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

23rd plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Yousef bin Alawi bin Abdullah, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Oman, H.E. The Honourable Lakshman Kadirgamar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka, H.E. Mr. Seyoum Mesfin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia, and H.E. The Honourable Alexander Downer, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia.

H.E. The Honourable Kenny D. Anthony, Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Planning, Information and the Public Service of Saint Lucia, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Anastase Gasana, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Rwanda.

24th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Herizo Razafimahaleo, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Madagascar, H.E. Mr. Fayez Tarawneh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jordan, H.E. Mr. Fathulla Jameel, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Maldives, H.E. The Honourable Patteson Oti, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Solomon Islands, H.E. Mr. Lamine Kamara, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guinea, H.E. Mr. Abdulkarim Al-Eryany, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yemen, and H.E. Mr. Destin-Arsène Tsaty-Boungou, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Francophonie of the Congo.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Turkey and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The representatives of Burundi and the United Republic of Tanzania made statements on points of order.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 5th meeting

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [117]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management made a statement on the current financial situation of the United Nations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Mexico, Cuba, Canada, the Philippines, France, Egypt, Pakistan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Brazil, the Syrian Arab Republic, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Uruguay, Thailand, Côte d' Ivoire, Japan, Indonesia, Ecuador, Portugal, Bolivia, Latvia, Australia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Ukraine and Paraguay.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management replied to various questions posed.

Human resources management [153]

The Committee had before it a letter from the Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania addressed to the Secretary-General (A/51/955) and a response thereto from the Secretary-General (A/C.5/51/58).

Statements were made by the representatives of India, the United States, Algeria, Cuba, Ghana, the Syrian Arab Republic, Canada, China, Brazil, Panama, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Chairman of the Group of 77 and China).

The Officer-in-Charge of the Office of Human Resources Management responded to questions posed.

It was agreed that the Committee would hold a further meeting on this issue at an appropriate time when the responses to the questions raised would be circulated in written form.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the United States, Costa Rica, Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic and Mexico.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee also made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

OPEN-ENDED AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM ON FORESTS
Organizational session 5th and 6th meetings

Note: The summary of the 5th and 6th meetings of the Forum will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/193).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER 1997

416th and 417th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the initial report of Trinidad and Tobago (CRC/C/11/Add.10).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 16 December 1966

Accession: Sri Lanka (3 October 1997)*

International Agreement on Jute and Jute Products, 1989, concluded at Geneva on 3 November 1989

Ratification: Belgium (2 October 1997)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Njuguna M. Mahugu

Asian States:
Turkmenistan
H.E. Mrs. Aksoltan T. Ataeva

Eastern European States:
Azerbaijan
H.E. Mr. Eldar G. Kouliev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Venezuela
H.E. Mr. Ramón Escovar-Salom

Western European and Other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Louis Wolzfeld

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World Habitat Day 1997

World Habitat Day will be observed on Monday, 6 October 1997, from 9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m in the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium. The meeting will consist of two panels, organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) in collaboration with the Wellness Foundation, Columbia University, City College of New York, and Pratt Institute, on the theme "Future Cities". The main focus of the panel discussions is on the role of partnership in the struggle towards sustainable human settlements. This event also includes the presentation of a United Nations film entitled "A Cyber-tale of Three Cities", shown at the 1997 Venice Film Festival. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the non-governmental organizations are invited.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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